

## **REMARKS**

By this amendment, claims 1-3 and 6-17 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 4 and 5 are currently pending and active in this application, of which claim 4 is independent. Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments do not add new matter to the application and are fully supported by the specification.

Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested because it places the present application in condition for allowance, or in the alternative, better form for appeal. In view of the above Amendments and the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections for the reasons discussed below.

## **ALLOWED/ALLOWABLE CLAIMS**

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 4-5 are allowed. While Applicant agrees these claims are patentable over the cited references, Applicant does not agree that patentability resides in each feature exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability of each claim.

## **REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103**

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U. S. Patent No. 6,498,696 issued to Nakamura, et al. ("Nakamura") in view of U. S. Patent No. 5,283,477 issued to Shibata ("Shibata"). Applicant respectfully traverses this

rejection because, in this response, claims 1-3 are cancelled. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of claims 1-3.

Claims 6-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakamura in view of Applicant's own admission and further in view of U. S. Patent No. 6,480,180 to Moon ("Moon"). This rejection is respectfully traversed because, in this response, claims 6-17 are cancelled. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of claims 6-17.

## **CONCLUSION**

Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action and respectfully submits that all of the stated grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

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